



URBAN FORESTRY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Currently, the City, through its Department of Community Services, oversees most of the planning and installation of all street trees and other landscaping. The City is responsible for maintenance of all trees within the public right-of-way and public service easement. Although the majority of the program is directed through the Department of Community Services, the Carmel Parks and Recreation Department, the Carmel Street Department, and City Utilities Department also have responsibility for trees in many areas of the City. These various responsibilities and the means by which they are carried out are specified in a series of ordinances, standards, and planning documents adopted by the City Council.

URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE

The Urban Forestry Committee is a board composed of seven members who are appointed by the mayor. The Committee's responsibilities are to assist the City in the development and administration of a comprehensive community tree management program.

Our Vision:

The City of Carmel Urban Forestry Committee envisions a future of the Urban Forest as a healthy, diverse, colorful, display of canopy trees lining the streets and throughout the City, which provides an environment which sustains wildlife and is accessible to every resident.

Our Mission:

The purpose of the Urban Forestry Committee is to assist, advise, and develop urban forestry programs for the City of Carmel; while also helping direct a well funded, cost-effective program and to attract different sources of funding. Through their efforts, they will continually update and modify the urban forestry program as well as participate in activities that emphasize education and maintenance of the urban forest.

GOALS

1. Assure sustained funding and continue to increase funding of the community forestry program.

Raising per capita funding each year

Provide necessary funding for enforcement of the City tree ordinances and regulations.

Utilize multiple sources of funding (budget, grants, non-profit organizations, sales, corporate donations, trust fund, in kind labor, partnerships).

2. To create public involvement in Urban Forestry.

Develop a participatory street tree program, and promoting off-street planting for neighborhoods.

Promote community forest curriculum elements within the public schools.

Undertake an active program of community outreach and education, including development of a Carmel Urban Forestry web page.

Use all cost effective means to promote programs (press releases, brochures, banners, website, displays, etc.)

Acknowledge citizens who volunteer in helping the urban forestry program.

3. To establish and promote the highest standards of maintenance for the Carmel/Clay Township urban forest.

Enforce City maintenance standards and street tree regulations.

Provide expert training of City maintenance personnel.

Maintain an inventory of the condition/value of all City trees.

Allocate annual funds sufficient for appropriate and timely tree maintenance.

Develop a disaster plan.

Provide opportunities and education for Tree Stewards and Teen Tree Stewards.

4. To advocate continuing development of a healthy urban forest in Carmel/Clay Township.

Achieve a minimum 50% canopy coverage of all streets.

Replace every tree removed from a street with at least one new tree.

Use and promoting species well adapted to local environmental and design objectives.

Achieve a diverse forest with no one introduced species comprising more than 10% of the whole or 25% of any one neighborhood.

Develop diverse and distinctive plantings along major streets and neighborhoods.

5. To continue to help Carmel/ Clay Township be a desirable location for business and home by strengthening its successful and recognized urban forestry program.

Achievement of the Tree City USA award annually

Achievement of the Tree City USA Growth award annually

Improvement of the Carmel Urban Forestry Manual by focusing on improvements in plant science, technology, and long range planning

Involvement of committee members and Carmel/Clay staff in State and National Urban Forestry organizations

URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2009	
The year following the members name is when their 3 year term expires.	
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2009 Committee Meeting Dates

Each of the following meetings will start at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall in the 3rd floor DOCS Conference Room, normally on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

January	28	July	22
February	25	August	26
March	25	September	23
April	22	October	28
May	27	November	18
June	24		

Carmel Urban Forestry Awards and Planting Projects

Year	Excellence in Urban Forestry Award Recipient	
1997	Citizens for Greenspace	
1998	IPALCO	
1999	Beau Wilfong	
2000	None	
2001	Sue Dillon	
2002	Mark Boyce	
2003	Carmel Street Department	
2004	Donna Manlove	
	Donna Manlove Award and Commercial Beautification Award Recipient	
2005	Kristi Clark	Clay Terrace Lifestyle Center
2006	Cheryl Gettelfinger	The Carmax Superstore, Inc
2007	Pam Louks	J. C. Sipe Jewelers, Inc
2008	George Ohmer	Red Robin International, Inc
2009		

Year	Fall Planting Site
1996	Johnson Acres subdivision
1997	Lake Forest subdivision
1998	High Drive (Carmel Dr. N to 126 th St.)
1999	Plum Creek North and Parkside Village subdivision
2000	None
2001	None
2002	Woodland Springs (north point to 116 th St.)
2003	Carmel Knoll (Meadow Lane median)
2004	Kingswood subdivision
2005	Carmel Drive (126 th Street to Crestwood Drive)
2006	Stone Haven at Haverstick
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2008	Fairgreen Trace

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Year	Arbor Day Tree Planting Site
1989	Main Street and UMC (68 Trees)
1990	Carmel Drive (71 Trees)
1991	Medical Drive and Carmel Drive (73 Trees)
1992	C/C County Park (275 Trees)
1993	Carey Grove Park (85 Trees and 198 shrubs)
1994	PSI Wetland (197 Trees and shrubs)
1995	West Carmel Drive at Meijer Store (53 Trees)
1996	Range Line Road at Smokey Row to 4 th St. (100 Trees)
1997	Gray Road at 126 th to 131 st (93 Trees)
1998	Guilford Road at Adam St. to College Wood (102 Trees)
1999	River Heritage Trail Park (175 Trees)
2000	West Side Park (211 Trees and shrubs)
2001	Inlow Park (214 Trees)
2002	City Center Drive/Gray Rd at 116 th to 131 st St. (175 Trees)
2003	West Park (210 Trees)
2004	Central Park and Hazel Landing Park (300 Trees)
2005	Hazel Landing Park (300 Trees)
2006	Central Park (300 Trees)
2007	Central Park (200 Trees)
2008	West Park (200 Trees)
2009	Founders Park